

1 CLAIM LISTING

2 1-23 Canceled

3 24. (Currently Amended) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more
4 gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

5 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for ~~a gaming~~
6 system the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
7 percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second
8 progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or
9 more gaming machines;

10 receiving a respective wager through one of the one or more gaming machines in the
11 gaming system;

12 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
13 symbols representing a gaming result;

14 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
15 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

16 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
17 jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
18 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

19 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
20 winning progressive jackpot result;

21 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager; and

1 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager,
2 wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first
3 progressive jackpot.

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7 26. (Currently Amended) A gaming method ~~further for a gaming system comprising one or~~
8 ~~more gaming machines, the gaming method~~ comprising:

9 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for ~~a gaming~~
10 ~~system the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first~~
11 ~~percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second~~
12 ~~progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or~~
13 ~~more gaming machines;~~

14 receiving a respective wager through one of the one or more gaming machines in the
15 gaming system;

16 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
17 symbols representing a gaming result;

18 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
19 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount; [[and]]

20 paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the gaming
21 result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second
22 wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

1 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
2 winning progressive jackpot result.

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4 27. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:
5 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
6 system;
7 receiving a wager in the gaming system;
8 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
9 symbols representing a gaming result;
10 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
11 result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;
12 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
13 jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being
14 larger than the first wager amount;
15 resetting the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after
16 paying the first progressive jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second
17 predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and
18 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero, and
19 wherein the second predetermined reset amount is larger than the first predetermined reset
20 amount.

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29. (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system;

receiving a wager in the gaming system;

displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

30. (Currently Amended) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming system, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the gaming system and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming system;

receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
2 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

3 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
4 jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
5 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

6 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
7 winning progressive jackpot result;

8 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines; [[and]]

9 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
10 machines; and

11 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
12 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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14 31. (Currently Amended) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more
15 gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

16 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for ~~a gaming~~
17 ~~system~~ the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
18 percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second
19 progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or
20 more gaming machines;

21 receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

1 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
2 symbols representing a gaming result;

3 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
4 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

5 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
6 jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
7 amount being larger than the first wager amount; [[and]]

8 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
9 winning progressive jackpot result; and

10 wherein the respective wager activates a single payline through the combination of
11 symbols.

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13 32. (Currently Amended) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more
14 gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

15 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for ~~a gaming~~
16 system the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
17 percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second
18 progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or
19 more gaming machines;

20 receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

21 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
22 symbols representing a gaming result;

1 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
2 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

3 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
4 jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
5 amount being larger than the first wager amount; [[and]]

6 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
7 winning progressive jackpot result; and

8 wherein the wager activates a plurality of paylines through the combination of symbols.

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10 33. (Currently Amended) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more
11 gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

12 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming
13 system the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
14 percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second
15 progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or
16 more gaming machines;

17 receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

18 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
19 symbols representing a gaming result;

20 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
21 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

1 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
2 jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
3 amount being larger than the first wager amount; [[and]]

4 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
5 winning progressive jackpot result; and

6 wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a
7 number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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9 34. (Currently Amended) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more
10 gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

11 providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for ~~a gaming~~
12 system the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
13 percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second
14 progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or
15 more gaming machines;

16 receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

17 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
18 symbols representing a gaming result;

19 paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot
20 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

1 paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive
2 jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
3 amount being larger than the first wager amount; [[and]]

4 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
5 winning progressive jackpot result; and

6 wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a
7 number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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9 35-70 Canceled

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11 71. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

12 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

13 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
14 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
15 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
16 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

17 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
18 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

19 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
20 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
21 first wager amount;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is
2 the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at
3 least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;
4 [[and]]

5 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
6 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

7 wherein in response to the detector receiving the respective wager, the gaming system
8 increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase
9 in the second progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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11 72. Canceled

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13 73. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

14 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

15 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
16 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
17 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
18 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

19 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
20 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 first wager amount; [[and]]

4 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
5 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

6 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive
7 jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager
8 is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager
9 amount.

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11 74. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

12 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

13 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
14 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
15 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
16 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

17 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
18 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

19 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
20 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
21 first wager amount;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
5 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result;

6 wherein the gaming machine resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined
7 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot
8 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

9 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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11 75. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 74, wherein the second predetermined reset
12 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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14 76. Canceled

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16 77. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

17 ~~a gaming machine~~ plurality of linked gaming machines, each linked gaming machine
18 comprising a respective wager detector;

19 a first progressive jackpot associated with the plurality of linked gaming machines and a
20 second progressive jackpot associated with the plurality of linked gaming machines, the first
21 progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the gaming

1 system and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager
2 placed through the gaming system;

3 wherein a respective one of the gaming machines displays a number of rotating elements
4 which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

5 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
6 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector of the
7 respective one of the gaming machines is at least a first wager amount;

8 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the
9 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector of the
10 respective one of the gaming machines is at least a second wager amount, the second wager
11 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

12 ~~wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;~~

13 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
14 machines; and

15 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a
16 respective wager received by any ~~unique~~ respective one of the linked gaming machines.

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18 78. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

19 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

20 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
21 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first

percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a first wager amount;

wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; [[and]]

wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

wherein the respective wager activates a single payline for the gaming machine.

79. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 first wager amount;

4 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the
5 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
6 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; [[and]]

7 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
8 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

9 wherein the respective wager activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

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11 80. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

12 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

13 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
14 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
15 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
16 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

17 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
18 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

19 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
20 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
21 first wager amount;

1 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the
2 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
3 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; [[and]]

4 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
5 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

6 wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a
7 number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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9 81. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

10 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

11 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
12 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
13 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
14 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

15 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
16 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

17 wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a
18 winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
19 first wager amount;

20 wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the
21 winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a
22 second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; [[and]]

1 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
2 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

3 wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a
4 number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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6 82. (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

7 a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;
8 a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive
9 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first
10 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot
11 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

12 wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest
13 showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result; [[and]]

14 wherein the gaming system pays the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the
15 second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result; and
16 wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning
17 result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result.

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19 83. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein in response to the detector
20 receiving a wager, the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the
21 second progressive jackpot, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than
22 the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

1 84. Canceled

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3 85. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

4 wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined
5 reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot
6 to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and
7 wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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9 86. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 85, wherein the second predetermined reset
10 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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12 87. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system comprises a
13 single gaming machine.

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15 88. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

16 wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;
17 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
18 machines; and
19 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
20 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

89. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector activates a single payline for the gaming machine.

90. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

91. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of paylines activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

92. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of paylines activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by a first wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

93. (Currently Amended) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more gaming machines, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for ~~a gaming system~~, the one or more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;
receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

1 displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of
2 symbols representing a gaming result; [[and]]
3 paying the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot
4 if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result; and
5 making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the
6 winning progressive jackpot result.
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8 94. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93 further comprising the steps of:
9 increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager; and
10 increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager,
11 wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first
12 progressive jackpot.
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16 96. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, further comprising resetting the
17 first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive
18 jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount
19 after paying the second progressive jackpot; wherein the first and the second predetermined reset
20 amounts are larger than zero.
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1 97. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 96, wherein the second predetermined reset
2 amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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4 98. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the gaming system
5 comprises a single gaming machine.

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7 99. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 wherein the gaming system
8 comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

9 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming
10 machines; and

11 wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager
12 received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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14 100. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the respective wager
15 activates a single payline for a gaming machine.

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17 101. (Currently Amended) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the respective wager
18 activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

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20 102. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of paylines
21 activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by a first wager
22 amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

1 103. (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of paylines
2 activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by a first wager
3 amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.